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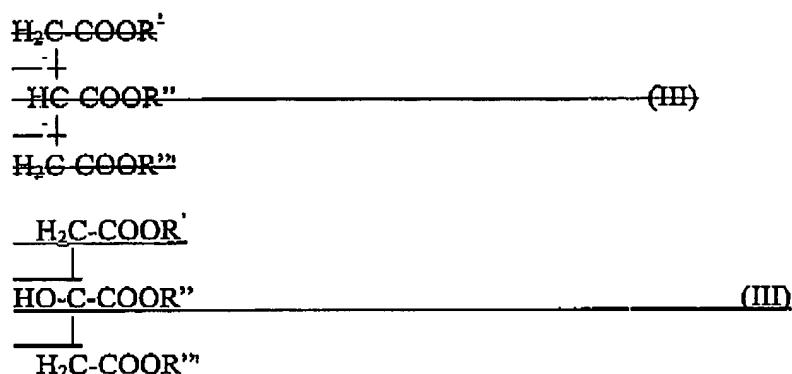
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In the Specification

Please replace the paragraph on page 3, lines 5-23, of the specification with the following paragraph:

Accordingly, the present invention also relates to mixtures of isomeric compounds corresponding to general formula (III):



in which R', R'', R''' represent a hydrogen atom and/or a C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group and/or an ethoxylated C₆₋₂₂ alkyl group, the ethoxylated alkyl groups containing 2 to 20 parts ethylene oxide per alkyl group, with the provisos that at least one of the substituents R', R'' and R''' represents such an ethoxylated alkyl group and the total number of ethylene oxide units per ester molecule is limited to 20. The mixtures contain mono-, di- and triesters alongside one another, mono- and diesters preferably being present in a ratio of 1:1 to 1:2. The percentage content of free citric acid may be up to 20%, based on the mixtures. However, the mixtures preferably contain less free citric acid, preferably less than 10%.